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Please see attached, **Messages & Communications Doc. No. 38GL-26-2309** for processing:

✓	38GL-26-2309	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill for Introduction. Legislation for Introduction—An Act to Build Simon Sanchez High School Now.*
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Tue, May 5, 2026 at 4:13 PM

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Wed, May 6, 2026 at 9:23 AM

To: "Speaker Frank Blas Jr." <speakerblas@guamlegislature.gov>

Håfa Adai,

Received, and thank you.

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

Transmitted via email to: speakerblas@guamlegislature.gov

May 5, 2026

THE HONORABLE FRANK F. BLAS, JR.

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38GL-26-2309
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
FRANK F. BLAS JR.

MAY 05 2026

Time: 4:02 pm

Received: MBJ

RE: Legislation for Introduction—An Act to Build Simon Sanchez High School Now

Håfa Adai Speaker Blas:

Pursuant to my authority under the Organic Act of Guam, I am transmitting for introduction the attached bill entitled, “An Act To Build Simon Sanchez High School Now.”

For more than a decade, the people of Guam have shared a clear and unified expectation: that a new Simon Sanchez High School will be built. That expectation has been supported across administrations, Legislatures, and communities. Yet despite that consensus, the project has remained stalled, caught in repeated cycles of protest, appeal, and delay that have prevented construction from moving forward.

This measure is intended to restore balance to that process. It authorizes the Department of Public Works to proceed with the award, execution, and performance of the project notwithstanding pending protests or appeals, while preserving the right to challenge procurement actions and ensuring that remedies remain available under law. The goal is straightforward. Allow lawful construction to proceed in good faith while safeguarding accountability, rather than permitting delay to function as a de facto veto over critical public infrastructure.

The cost of inaction has been borne by our students. Many of whom have spent their entire high school experience in temporary facilities, and have endured ongoing educational disruption and safety issues. This outcome is neither acceptable nor consistent with our shared obligation to provide a safe and adequate learning environment.

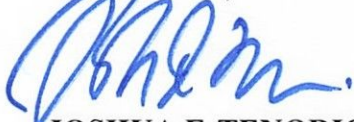
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To: Speaker Blas
From: Acting Governor Tenorio
Date: May 5, 2026
Re: Legislation for Introduction—An Act to Build Simon Sanchez High School Now
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Accordingly, I ask that the Legislature, within the next ten (10) days, hold a public hearing on this measure on its own merits and, as appropriate, advance any other proposals that meaningfully address this issue. Engage the public. Test the ideas. Forge the strongest bill or bills possible.

The focus should be on producing legislation that is effective, workable, and capable of being implemented without unintended consequences. Our Administration stands ready to support that effort. Any measure that provides a lawful, responsible, and operationally sound path for this project to proceed without further unnecessary delay will be promptly acted upon upon its transmittal. Please act with urgency. *Si Yu'os ma'åse'.*

Senseraamente,



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Åkto Maga'låhen Guåhan
Acting Governor of Guam

Enclosure: Legislation for Introduction, "An Act To Build Simon Sanchez High School Now."



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4:13 p.m.
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I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2026 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. -38 (COR)

Introduced by:

Committee on Rules
by request of *I Åkto*
Maga'låhen Guåhan, the
Acting Governor of Guam, in
accordance with the Organic
Act of Guam.

AN ACT TO BUILD SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL NOW.

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings.**

3 The construction of the new Simon Sanchez High School is a critical public
4 infrastructure project necessary to provide a safe, stable, and adequate educational
5 environment for Guam's students. Delays in the procurement and construction of the
6 project have resulted in continued disruption to students and school operations and
7 have prolonged reliance on temporary and interim arrangements.

8 Interim measures, including temporary facilities and operational adjustments,
9 do not eliminate the disruption to students or the impacts of continued delay and
10 cannot substitute for completion of a permanent facility. Students affected by the
11 delayed construction have already experienced significant disruption to instruction,
12 including periods of remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic, and further
13 delay will compound those impacts. Further delay in awarding and performing the
14 contract during the pendency of any protest or appeal will extend these disruptions
15 and increase the overall cost and timeline of the project.

1 The Legislature finds that it is necessary to authorize immediate award and
2 performance of the contract to protect the substantial interests of the Government of
3 Guam.

4 Nothing in this Act eliminates the authority of the courts to consider requests
5 for equitable relief consistent with established principles of law; however, such relief
6 must be considered in a manner that gives substantial weight to the Government's
7 interest in proceeding with critical public projects without undue delay.

8 **Section 2. Authorization to Proceed Notwithstanding Protest or Appeal.**

9 (a) Notwithstanding 5 GCA § 5425 or any other provision of law, the Department of
10 Public Works is authorized to proceed immediately with the award, execution, and
11 performance of the contract for the Simon Sanchez High School project. This
12 authorization applies during the pendency of any protest or appeal, including any
13 proceedings before the Office of Public Auditor or any court of competent
14 jurisdiction.

15 (b) Any protest or appeal related to the procurement of the Simon Sanchez High
16 School project may proceed in accordance with law. In considering any request for
17 injunctive or equitable relief, the court shall give substantial weight to the
18 Legislature's findings that delay in this project would harm the public interest.
19 Relief, if any, shall be limited to monetary damages or other non-disruptive remedies
20 and shall not invalidate or require cessation of contract performance once
21 commenced in good faith, absent a clear showing of fraud or bad faith, consistent
22 with the remedial framework set forth in 5 GCA § 5452.

23 **Section 3. Reporting.** Within thirty (30) days of contract award, and quarterly
24 thereafter until substantial completion, the Department of Public Works shall submit
25 a report to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* summarizing project status, expenditures,
26 schedule, and any material changes.

1 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act is held invalid, such
2 invalidity shall not affect other provisions which can be given effect without the
3 invalid provision.

4 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect immediately upon
5 enactment.